

## THE BLOOMFIELD CITIZEN.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 1889.

CORRESPONDENCE.  
TOWN AND OTHER TOPICS  
DISCUSSED IN "THE CITIZEN" BY ITS  
SPECIAL CONTRIBUTORS.

## Yes, or No.

The Township Committee, at the request of many citizens, called a meeting for Wednesday evening of this week (afterwards postponed to Friday evening), for the purpose of considering the provisions of the new township law. It was represented to the Committee that, in spite of the efforts on the part of individuals very many people had very little knowledge of what the law really was. It was urged that the matter, being one of great importance to the general public, the Committee should take official notice of it and provide some effectual means of making known the provisions of the law in order that when the election was held all might have the benefit of intelligent voting. It was prudently resolved by the Committee to devote the meeting entirely to a discussion of the provisions of the law without regard to the expediency of adopting it. It was further resolved to distribute a synopsis of the law as widely as possible. By providing a public meeting where all who desire might instruct themselves as fully as possible and in ordering the distribution of the provisions of the law by means of circulars the Township Committee have done their part in the matter.

Every voter has had and still has every opportunity to find out what the new law is, and, furthermore, it is his duty to find out. Here is a law which those who have studied it most carefully assure us is full of provisions directly bearing upon the peace, comfort, progress and prosperity of the Township. We are further assured by those who have carefully investigated the practical working of township government, that our present laws are utterly inadequate, even at the present time, for properly conducting public affairs, and that the evil is increasing with the rapidly increasing population. It would be bad enough to be deprived of the manifold and apparent advantages of the new law by selfishness and stupidity, but it would be galling beyond expression to discover, after the battle that it had been defeated by the almost criminal ignorance, neglect and indifference of those from whom we have every right to expect the most hearty co-operation.

We are sure of the great excellence of the new law and its far-reaching influence for good that we are confident nothing is needed to carry the township in its favor by an overwhelming majority, but to have the knowledge of its provisions brought home to the minds of our best citizens and a realization on their part that votes and not opinions are what count at elections.

Above all things, then, let not this election go by default.

The New Bank.

A few days ago one of that species of creature, living over the western line of the township, which is continually harping about the sluggishness of Bloomfield, was croaking away to a gentleman from Montclair on one of the evening trains. The latter, after listening as long as he cared to, observed to the specimen that he had heard a great deal about Bloomfield's being slow, but he had noticed that somehow or other, without saying much, or making much noise, the people there seemed to get what good things were going, and that, too, in most cases just a little ahead of their neighbors. They have water, he said, and we have not; likewise we get our gas from our neighbors on the east. He also made divers remarks about stone and gravel roads, sidewalks and many other things in which Bloomfield was abreast of or ahead of any of its neighbors. The croaking creature before alluded to was so completely duped up, so to speak, by these home truths, and his mind so befuddled by this rapid entrance of new ideas, that he shrivelled up like Mark Twain's caterpillar on the red hot shovel and was heard no more.

Now in addition to all the good things heretofore obtained we are to have a Bloomfield National Bank, for the stock has been taken with such freedom by big investors and little ones, that while several thousand dollars are yet to be raised, the success of the enterprise is practically assured. That is to say, the Bank will surely be started and it seems to us that no one can doubt what the future will be after the start is made.

And a successful bank means not only successful financial investment to stockholders, but means invigorated business life to the community. Old enterprises will be strengthened and new ones drawn to and developed in the Township by reason of the presence in our midst of one of the greatest engines of modern commercial life.

A White Cap organization is said to be in existence in West Orange. A dissatisfied resident received a letter ornamented with skull and cross-bones notifying him that he must reform or undergo punishment. He complied with the request and has kept sober ever since.

cautiously take 25-cent subscriptions for three months. They enjoy having something handy with a convenient crank to it, that can be used to grind out their grist of grievances. They score the old paper beautifully, hoping it will worry the publisher. But it doesn't. He neither winces nor winks. On the contrary, he goes aldermanic, and goes on printing and prospering like the "green bay tree," as did the wicked man of Job's time, to the dismay and indignation of the modern Elders and Shublites.

Such are the vicissitudes of country newspaper publishing, where there is rivalry, as I have noted in an onlook of sixteen years. Fortune always smiles on the man who has the inside track, if he does fairly by his readers, though he may differ from some of them, decidedly, if he is not a nungiving, a probil, or a socialist, and won't let them run his paper for him. The publisher that caters to any one or all of these irreconcileable elements will come to rule it. He should be pitied rather than encouraged to go on with the sport where Simba left off.

SIROH.

Interesting and Profitable Lectures.

The first lecture of the Public School Course by Adjutant-General W. S. Stryker, of Trenton, was had in the Sunday-school room of the First Presbyterian Church last Friday evening. His subject, "The Last Revolutionary Struggle in New Jersey," proved to all who heard it a most interesting theme. Gen. Stryker has made it a labor of love during the past twenty years to search out and set in correct story of exact details and bearings the honorable part which his native State bore in the great struggle for Independence, and to him the State owes more in this relation than to all other historical writers. All the libraries and archives in this country and in Europe affording material for the work have been carefully searched by him. The special aim of his lecture was to portray one of the minor incidents of the war in New Jersey. About this incident, the capture by Loyolists of a small block-house at Tom's River, he made to center all the charm and quickened interest of romance. The narrative of the endurance and heroism displayed there by a handful of patriots made it quite easy to understand how sturdy and unbroken the undisciplined and unequipped yeomen of the colonies proved for six years to some of the best appointed and trained troops of the old world. The lecturer then went on to show how the little struggle at Tom's River gave rise immediately after its occurrence to one of the most remarkable episodes in American history, involving the three powers, England, France and Holland, in earnest and protracted negotiations with the United Colonies. The details of these negotiations aside from their direct purpose, served most admirably, as the lecture indicated, to draw out in bold relief some of the worst fit in the character of the greatest American chieftain and statesman, George Washington. Gen. Stryker's historical, poetical and literary skill have placed all who were privileged to hear him under great and enduring obligation.

Let us have an electric alarm if you want it, but let us also have a hose company to take advantage of the speedy call. For prompt work in the West End the present companies are too distantly located. The cost to the town is insignificant and will be more than compensated for by the lowering of insurance rates. The West End is rapidly improving, and a hose company will be a public benefit, inducing owners of land to build because assured of protection against fire for their houses, and the more property upon which taxes are collected, the less will be the rate of taxation.

T. R. STEVENS, JOHN SCHWARTZ,  
President. Foreman.Wit and Wisdom of Suburban News  
paper Experience.

The Orange Journal says, concerning the starting of another new paper, in this locality:

Doubtless our older and esteemed contemporary, THE BLOOMFIELD CITIZEN, does not look with favor upon its new competitor, but it is a field which has been its own exclusively. But time was when the Journal was the only paper in Orange; now there are a half a dozen English and German, and the Journal is not the only paper in the town, but the best, the best for sheer and most earnest competition. So it shall be with THE CITIZEN in the rivalry which is sure to exist between it and the Register.

This venerable Orange paper's benediction reminds me, from its Good-Dog-Tower way of soothing THE CITIZEN at the same time encouraging competition of a keen and earnest sort, of a story I once heard of a colored man of antebellum days as touching the thickness of his brain-covering. He found he could earn pennies as well as acquire fame by performing, occasionally, a novel feat of "butting." It was usually done of an evening before the motley crowd of a "country store." A cheese would be neatly enveloped in a cloth and then set up sideways on the counter for a target. Sambo would go for it with his unique battering-ram, seldom failing to knock the cheese into two or more fragments. At one of these entertainments an unfeeling wag among the contributors to the sport managed to substitute a grindstone for the regulation cheese. The result may be imagined. The grindstone was not materially injured, nor was Sambo hurt very much, but he was satisfied. Had he been so foolish as to persist in trying to fracture the grindstone, it would be very much like the Montclair man's opposition the past few months. There has been considerable head-biting, without much damage upon either the solidly-established Times or the tough cranium that propels the Register. And now, according to the Journal, THE CITIZEN is to receive attention. There doesn't appear to be much doubt as to the result.

Running or trying to run an "opposition paper," either in Montclair or Bloomfield, or trying to cover both towns with another "County paper," may be fun for a few who are diverted by the sport, or profit by it in some way, but it means loss and disappointment and suffering for the man who is found willing to go or with the thing from week to week.

Where a paper has had a sort of "monopoly" of good will there are always a few disgruntled ones, who cannot run that paper themselves, and they are glad to coddle a new one expecting to run that, and which they usually do, if the chap who starts the enterprise is without either money or experience. Such a man is good enough to start a paper. The sort of patrons he has, without contributing much unsecured cash, will furnish brains enough to keep it living. *Dam* *curious* *rituals*. While it lives it does live, and is a live paper. The disgruntled write squibs and indite editorials for the poor man who has to pay the printers and paper dealers. They buy his paper, they

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